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Captain's Column

Gentlemen,

Another season is fast approaching. I hope everyone had a great break and that you are all excited about getting it going again. This will be the final season of the 150th anniversary events. The 1st Sgt. has already sent out messages to get early registrations in for the two main events for 2015. I do hope everyone will consider participating.

We will hold our annual meeting on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 A.M. at the Ashland Church of GOD. This is the same location we have used for the last several years. The address is 407 Myrtle Street, Ashland, Va. 23005. We will be in the large fellowship hall directly behind the main sanctuary building. The executive committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, February 20th at the same location. We have a lot of business to conduct, so please arrive and be ready to begin by 10:00 A.M. if possible. I will be arriving by 9:00 A.M. to get set up. Dues for the year will be voted on at the meeting. If at all possible, please try to get your dues paid at the meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. It makes it easier on everyone involved if we don't have to guess whether or not you will be joining. Elections will be held and the event schedule will be laid out. If you have any ideas or suggestions for events you would like to see considered, please discuss them with the 1st Sgt. now. Please do not wait until the night before the meeting or expect to bring them up at the meeting. The 1st Sgt. is already putting together the list and he could look at them now to be prepared.

Our annual camp of instruction will be held on the weekend of March 13, 14 and 15 at the fort in Amelia, Virginia. It is suggested that you arrive on Friday evening if at all possible because the activities get kicked off very early on Saturday morning and there will not be time for us to wait for you to get your camp set up. It is much easier if you arrive and set up before dark on Friday. There will be meals prepared as a company for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and for

supper on Saturday evening. The 1st Sgt. works very hard to provide the food for these three meals and we all pitch in to pay for them. Please be prepared to reimburse the 1st Sgt. for his expenses. It is normally very affordable. I am told that it should be around \$15 dollars per man this year for the whole weekend. That is not set in stone, because it does vary from year to year, but it is always reasonable. You will be on your own for lunch both days so bring your own food for those. You will also be on your own for supper on Friday evening. Some folks bring food and cook in camp and others get together and go into town for dinner. It's up to you.

If you do not have a tent or a shelter of some sort, you may want to start talking to some of the veterans about bunking with them. Most of them have tents and usually don't mind sharing their spare bedroom. I suggest beating the rush though.

There will also need to be a fort work day at some point between the annual meeting and the camp of instruction. The 1st Sgt. will direct you on plans for that. Please try to be available to help out with that. The camp doesn't just happen every year without a little hard work to get the fort ready. The elves don't show up the night before and make it happen for us. A lot of guys travel a great distance for a one day cleanup, so it would be really great if a good number of the locals would come out and give a little time.

Okay, I think that I have beat this month's report pretty thoroughly, so enough for now. I will include a camp of instruction schedule in the March newsletter.

Respectfully,

Captain Gammon

1st Sergeant's Column

All of you have read the Company Commander's column so you know the date, time and place of Feb Annual Membership meeting. Come prepared w/cash or cheque as not only are 2015 dues payable, but if you owe for missed 2014 events then you'll need to pay that cost in order to be a member in good standing so you can re-enlist for 2015. Additionally, the co. inventory will be on hand for sale along w/the wonderful items that I'll be selling at a "nominal fee"! I expect that some of you will need replacement items for the upcoming campaign season. We'll have a small supply of rubber ponchos and ground cloths on hand for sale.

Reference the upcoming Sailor's Creek 150th (27-29 Mar 2015) and Appomattox CH 150th (10-12 April 2015) be advised the following have signed up for these events:

Sailor's Creek

Alexander, Jack
Baird
Butler
Clements
Disimone
Gammon, D.
Gammon, M.
Kulikowski

Appomattox CH

Alexander, Jack
Baird
Butler
Clements
Disimone
Firth
Gammon, D.
Gunter

Ladd
Martin
Turley
Vice

Ladd
Martin
Pennise
Touart
Turley
Vice
Weidman Bros.

If you want to attend either of these events and have not signed up then you must contact me immediately about your intentions! I may or may not be able to get you registered, but I'll make the effort provided I hear from you prior to the Annual Membership meeting! Waiting until our Feb meeting will be to late!!!

On Sat, 31 Jan 15, I conducted another Non-Commissioned Officer Training Course for Johnathan Alexander and Michael Disimone at the home of Jack Alexander in Frederick, MD. Both participants displayed a great deal of interest and asked some excellent questions. With the completion of this additional course we now have a cadre of student NCO's from which to pick future Corporals.

We are planning to have a Fort Work Day on Sat, 28 Feb 2015 in order to get that facility prepared for our upcoming Camp of Instruction (13-15 Mar 15). Start making your plans to support this work day as it serves to benefit the entire membership as well as serving to preserve and protect a Civil War historical site.

Mike Vice
1st Sergeant

Ode to Joe

